GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-ASEAN COOPERATION TO FIGHT TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and ASEAN countries have agreed to increase cooperation to fight terrorism; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) During the first India-ASEAN Summit held in Phnom Penh on November 5, 2002, India and ASEAN agreed to enhanc cooperation in combating terrorism, at regional and international fora, particularly in the ASEAN Regional Forum(ARF). In this context, they agreed to develop concrete programmes of cooperation which could include exchange of information and experience, and training of personnel in counter-terrorism. India also conveyed its support to the ASEAN Declaration on Terrorism and its willingness to enter into a joint declaration with ASEAN for cooperation in combating terrorism.